



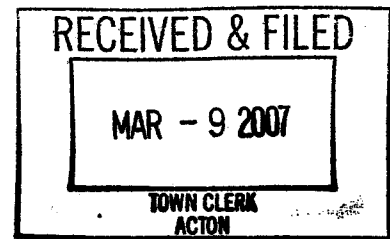
RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Date: February 7, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Acton Town Hall, Room 126



Recreation Commission members Mr. Ron Schlegel, Ms. Alison Gallagher and Mr. Matthew Lundberg were present. Also present were Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director and Ms. Maura Haberman, Event Coordinator/Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

I. CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mr. Schlegel reported that Ms. Hope Schlegel reported that she was kindly welcomed by Ms. Haberman at the BYE BYE Birdie performance, and that she loved the show and had a good experience. Ms. Fochtman reported that there were 24 students in the performance and had over 300 at each performance. This summer the Recreation Department will be offering Theatre in The Park for teens including Treasure Island, The Musical and Once On This Island.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes for the January 2, 1007 were accepted as written.

III. SKATE PARK SIGNAGE

The Commission would like to see acknowledgement of major sponsors displayed at the Skate Park. Ms. Gallagher informed the Commission that many organizations and individuals were told long ago they would be recognized through signage at the Skate Park. Mr. Schlegel will follow-up with Selectmen Foster regarding denial by the Board of Selectmen of a previous signage request proposed by Ms. Jane Shurtleff of the Skate Park Committee. Suggestions for alternative sponsor recognition include a plaque similar to the one at the Friends of Leary Field.

IV. FIELD USE FEE PROPOSAL FOR 2007

Ms. Fochtman reported that she had met with Town Management regarding field maintenance costs. At this time, no recommendation for field permit fees are being recommended until Town Management has had the opportunity to respond with suggested recommendations. The Board of Selectmen approved a new field use refund policy. The Beach and NARA Youth Summer Programs fee recommendations for 2007 were also approved by the Board of Selectmen.

V. REPORT ITEMS

- A. Morrison Farm: Ms. Gallagher reported that the Morrison Reuse Committee meeting is done. Currently, Mr. Tidman and Ms. McElroy are writing a proposal to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Gallagher reported she does not have a master copy to-date.
- B. CPC: Mr. Lundberg reported after last months discussion, a general consensus was to withdraw the NARA Master Plan application, although the concept of planning a NARA Master Plan does have a lot of support.
- C. Elm Street: Ms. Fochtman reported there has been a lot of discussion over the past month. The light project is moving forward and the Recreation Department will be funding the remaining costs.
- D. School Street: No report at this time.
- E. NARA Youth Summer Program: Ms. Fochtman reported that Mr. Jon Grant has expressed interest in returning this year as the On-Site Director. The newly proposed fees for the summer program were approved by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Fochtman also attended the Camp Fair at the Merriam School in mid-January, which was very well attended.
- F. NARA Beach Update: Ms. Fochtman reported that the beach fees will remain the same this year.
- G. Winterfest Wrap-up: Ms. Fochtman reported that there was a very good turnout with an estimated 3,000 in attendance. She reported that all activities were covered by sponsorship funding. Patio heaters were a big hit, as were the on-site food vendors which included BBQ, fried dough, and free hot chocolate from Dunkin' Donuts. KISS 108 DJ, Jackson Blue did a great job entertaining the

crowd with prizes including tee-shirts, CD's trinkets, pizza parties, and more. The Acton Teen Repertory Theatre Group performed some songs from their performance BYE BYE Birdie. Other great activities included curling, ice skating, ice hockey, sledding, horse drawn carriage rides, fire on the beach and Poi Firespinners. Both Mr. Schlegel and Mr. Lundberg attended Winterfest and said it was a very pleasant event. Ms. Gallagher asked if there was anything different you would do for upcoming Winterfest events. Ms. Fochtman would like to see more adult volunteers to help out the high school volunteers. Mr. Schlegel would like new commissioners to know about helping out at events.

NEW BUSINESS

ARC GRANT: Ms. Fochtman reported she is seeking a grant opportunity for new sound and light equipment at NARA Park through the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Facilities Fund Grant.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Mr. Schlegel plans to meet with Quail Ridge Country Club. Solicitation to recreation leagues for their support is encouraged. Mr. Lundberg reported that once approval by the Board of Selectmen is given to move forward, hole sponsorships and publicity need to be sought.

APRIL MEETING: The Commission had agreed to move the April 10th meeting to April 3 to avoid Town Meeting conflict.

RECREATION COMMISSIONERS: Mr. Lundberg reported that Mr. Jon Benson has submitted his application for full membership and is waiting for Board of Selectmen approval. Mr. Jim McCoy may be interested in an associate member position, and has not submitted his application.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.